

Application No.: 10/040,917

Attorney Docket No.: 59589.000040

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-20, 22, 23 and 25-42 are pending in this application. Claims 32 -37 have been withdrawn from consideration.

By this Amendment, claims 1-15, 17-20, 22, 23, 25-31 and 38-41 are amended, claim 42 is added, and claims 16, 21 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter set forth therein. Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly point out various features of the present invention.

No new matter is presented by the Amendment. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in now canceled claims 16 and 21, and paragraphs 46-50 and 61.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

A. **The December 15, 2004 Amendment**

This response is to address asserted deficiencies associated with claim status identifiers set forth in the December 15, 2004 Amendment. It is respectfully submitted that such asserted deficiencies have been addressed.

Further, it is submitted that this application is now allowable for the reasons set forth in the December 15, 2004 Amendment.

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B. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to favorable disposition of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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